

**SCIENTIFIC REVIEW PANEL ON TOXIC AIR CONTAMINANTS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Scientific Review Panel on Toxic Air Contaminants (Panel), established pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 39670, will hold a public meeting at the following time and place:

DATE: February 28, 2008
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Air Resources Board
California Environmental Protection Agency
Byron Sher Auditorium and Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, California 95814 (916) 323-8711

—AGENDA—

1. Joint meeting with the Air Resources Board

The Scientific Review Panel will brief the Air Resources Board (ARB) on the Panel's past and ongoing activities in the air toxics program. The Panel will then continue with its regularly scheduled meeting in the Sierra Hearing Room.

2. Continuation of the Panel's review of the draft report, "Endosulfan Risk Characterization Document" (revised, February 2008)

The Panel will continue its review, begun in September and continued in December, of a draft report by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) proposing to identify endosulfan as a toxic air contaminant. Endosulfan is a broad-spectrum, non-systemic insecticide and acaricide used to control insects in a wide variety of vegetables, fruits, grains, cotton, and tea, as well as ornamental shrubs, vines, and trees. Once the report is approved, the Panel will discuss its findings to be submitted to the DPR Director. <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/empm/pubs/tac/draftred.htm>

3. Review of draft report "Air Toxics Hot Spots Program Technical Support Document for the Derivation of Noncancer Reference Exposure Levels" (November, 2007)

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) will present a report describing the methodology for developing acute, 8-hour, and reference exposure levels (RELs) used in non-cancer risk assessments. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44360(b)(2), OEHHA must develop health risk assessment guidelines under the Air Toxics Hot Spots Program. This report replaces and updates previous acute and chronic Technical Support Documents and addresses the mandate under the Children's Environmental Health Protection Act (SB 25, 1999; Health and Safety Code sections 39669.5 et seq.) to ensure that risk assessment methods adequately protect infants, children, and other sensitive subpopulations. In addition this report contains proposed RELs for six chemicals: acetaldehyde, acrolein, arsenic, formaldehyde, manganese, and mercury illustrating new guidelines and health protective levels for these compounds. http://www.oehha.ca.gov/air/hot_spots/crnrl10207.html

4. Continuation of the Panel workshop on setting priorities in the toxic air contaminant identification program

ARB, DPR, and OEHHA prepare reports that evaluate the health effects that may result from exposure to substances that are proposed to be identified as toxic air contaminants. The departments give priority to substances based on the risk of harm to public health, emissions, manner of usage and exposure to the substance, persistence in the atmosphere, and ambient concentrations in the community (Health and Safety Code section 39660(f) and Food and Agricultural Code section 14022(e)).

Departmental staff will continue their presentations from the previous meeting in December which describe how priorities are presently set. Panel members will also present information and the full Panel will discuss all of the presentations as part of this informational item.

5. Consideration of administrative matters.

The Panel may discuss various administrative matters and scheduling of future meetings.

THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED ABOVE MAY BE CONSIDERED IN A DIFFERENT ORDER AT THE MEETING

**INFORMATION ABOUT
THE SCIENTIFIC REVIEW PANEL**

The Scientific Review Panel (Panel) is charged with evaluating the risk assessments of substances proposed for identification as toxic air contaminants by the Air Resources Board (ARB), the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), and the review of guidelines prepared by OEHHA. In carrying out this responsibility, the Panel reviews the exposure and health assessment reports and underlying scientific data on which the reports are based, which are prepared by the ARB, DPR, and OEHHA pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 39660-39661, 39669.5 and 44360, and Food and Agricultural Code sections 14022-14023. These reports are prepared for the purpose of determining whether a substance or pesticide should be identified as a toxic air contaminant, or as guidelines to be used in preparing health risk assessments.

The Panel welcomes written comments or submissions from all parties regarding a report. To assure adequate review, the Panel does not accept oral comments from the public at its meetings, and requests that information submitted for its consideration be sent to the Panel Liaison (contact information below) no later than two weeks prior to the meeting. These submissions are received and carefully reviewed and considered by the Panel members prior to the public meeting. Transcripts to previously held Panel meetings can be found through the ARB web site <http://www.arb.ca.gov/srp/srp.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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